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# **HB 2187**

Introduced by  
Representative Biggs

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT RESTRUCTURING PILOT PROGRAM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. School district restructuring pilot program;  
3 requirements; report

4 A. On or before January 1, 2004, the department of education shall  
5 implement a \_\_\_\_-year pilot program for the restructuring of school  
6 districts. The department of education shall select one school district  
7 located in a county with a population of at least one million five hundred  
8 thousand persons and one school district located in a county with a  
9 population of less than two hundred thousand persons to participate in the  
10 pilot program.

11 B. The department of education shall adopt selection criteria for  
12 school districts to participate in the pilot program.

13 C. Each school district that is selected to participate in the pilot  
14 program shall allow the following to occur:

15 1. The county school superintendent shall form a special school  
16 district within the existing school district that consists of one high school  
17 and no more than \_\_\_\_ junior high schools and no more than \_\_\_\_ elementary  
18 schools.

19 2. The existing school district governing board shall have no  
20 authority over or responsibility for the special school district for the  
21 duration of the pilot program.

22 3. No administrative personnel other than school principals shall be  
23 employed at or interact with personnel working at the special school district  
24 or pupils enrolled at a school within the special school district for the  
25 duration of the pilot program.

26 4. The county school superintendent of the county where the special  
27 school district is located succeeds to the authority, powers, duties and  
28 responsibilities of the school district governing board with respect to the  
29 administrative duties of the special school district for the duration of the  
30 pilot program.

31 5. Each school principal of a school in the special school district  
32 shall succeed to the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities of the  
33 school district governing board with respect to the day-to-day operations of  
34 each school for the duration of the pilot program, including the hiring,  
35 discipline and termination of school employees.

36 6. School councils established pursuant to section 15-351, Arizona  
37 Revised Statutes, shall succeed to the authority, powers, duties and  
38 responsibilities of the school district governing board for the duration of  
39 the pilot program with respect to the oversight of each school.

1           D. The department of education shall submit a report on or before  
2           \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ that summarizes the results of the pilot program, including a  
3           summary of the academic achievement of pupils that participate in the pilot  
4           program, cost savings and recommendations for proposed legislation, to the  
5           governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of  
6           the senate and provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state and  
7           the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

8           Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

9           This act is repealed from and after June 30, 20\_\_.